

## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

R. C. Duff  
On Cotton As Contraband.

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"Article 29 of the Declaration of London reads as follows: 'The following may not be declared contraband of war: (1) raw cotton, wool, silk, etc. Great Britain is not only a signatory of the Declaration of London, but is in fact called the conference and insisted upon the inclusion of raw cotton on the list of absolute non-contraband. Under this declaration, which was subscribed to by all the maritime nations, we have a right unhesitatingly to ship cotton, not only to neutral ports of Europe, but to Germany and Austria themselves. Humanity shudders at the thought of the death of the splendid Americans who went down on the Louisiana, but humanity would have more cause for shuddering if it could have presented to it in some similarly striking and dramatic way the woe, sorrow and suffering that will be experienced by millions of thousands of men, women and children in the southern states as a result of cotton being forced down to starvation prices.'

The reason why cotton does not command 12 or 25 cents per pound is simply because Great Britain has a royal monopoly hold on our shipments and, therefore, on the world supply. England sends her ships of war out into the open seas, captures American cotton, no matter where the same may be destined, carries it into British ports, sets up price courts of her own nomination, which price courts, of course, are operating in her favor and which, under such circumstances, after whatever delay they elect to impose, assess the damages of the American shipper at whatever price they see fit and then, after having by such excess bought our cotton, she avails herself of the extraordinary high price existing on the continent of Europe, produced in part by her diversion of our shipments, to resell it at a profit. The American shipper has no recourse except to the government. The acts of Great Britain referred to, according to the well-recognized principle of International law constitute war against the United States.

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We will go over to S. J. Purdie's Hardware store for our nails and hardware supplies and we were most pleased and satisfied and those timber understand just what our needs to do in make service and quality equal. Mrs., do you remember that New Perfection range your mother cooked those cold dinners on. Well there's 2000 home kinds of goods cooking ranges, Dairy churn, motor washing machine, Diamond Biscuits of every description, triple plated wash basins and buckets and there's the Woolmance, the

best of windowills and by the way, Winchester guns and ammunition. Had you noticed the display of these in their show window, and here's the old Bridge-Beach Coal and Wood Cookers and heaters, the fuel savers and floor warmers. Now everybody wants the best result in fuel and that's to be had from Jim Dawson, the exclusive agent for the Alabama, Montevallo Lump and nut coal. He sells gasoline and lubricating oils, has a great big stock of well seasoned wood and delivers to any part of the city. His phone No. is 154.

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Now, while we're in town believe the time we might as well see about the furniture and H. H. Brooks is the man for that. Anything we buy there will be out to the house in first class shape. He has a complete stock of home furnishing, beds, beds, dressers, chairs, cans, art glasses and fancy patterns of matting and linoleum floor coverings. My friends, show us one of those Brooks' kitchens exhibited, with its many compartments that make it a kitchen within itself, the step laver, and I see you offer to sell them at only \$150 and \$160 weekly payments. That's easy to find that way, but I like other things, hand out a self-folded set of steel hot springs and a double mosquito, that's guaranteed for 20 years. And send out a double oak dining room suit and some of those pretty pictures, some curtains and valances. No home in comparison without a washstand and the weather is warm. Chester's also over to the G. W. Davis store and get a good trunk at their ordinary fountain. Here's a lot of pretty things in this store, powder, perfume, lotion, water, hair brushes and combs. Girls can keep sweet with these things, care then Mary? Now everybody has to have medicine. This store sells the best of family remedies, but prescription work is their specialty. This work is done by registered pharmacists who do their work carefully, write the directions plainly and correctly on each bottle and by the way here is where we find the Dallas News and Evening Journal, the big dailies.

But seeing that stock powder in the drug store reminds me I noticed one of those little shoes was missing. I would take him right over to M. Hollingsworth and have him find. J. M. makes a specialty of that, our wood work on buggies and wagons, tire stitching, sharpening tools, fence rails, etc. All kinds are guaranteed first class and first class is what everybody says of this store, now out I ordered out from the Burkhardt Tailor Shop. Their clothes look better and fit better, wear longer and cost less and the beauty of it is they always give a fellow a "square deal". Wife says there is no one equal to

Eoff Brothers cleaning and pressing and their prices are right. While I am on my way to the blacksmith shop I'll call by the Snyder Fruit Co. get their prices on eggs, butter and chickens as I understand they always pay the highest price for almost everything the farmer has to sell. Call around and get acquainted with them fellows. They'll be glad to meet you and in season they handle fruit in car lots.

While I am gone, Mary, you and Charles step over to the Hunter Mercantile Company, dry goods store and get out another those blankets and winter covers. She says you will find what she wants there. Well, I guess you and what every other lady wants. The buyer of this store know what and how to buy to save money. The salesmen and ladies take great pride in getting their patrons to find what they want. Come and have dinner, the Marquette, residence-walks and patio, Hudson Glasses company, diamond gloves and just the thing in ladies underwear and Gladys with Palmer Bowes, evening lace shirts and collars. Hanes underwear for men, Deacon shoes, grape trunks and suit cases, by the way. Village School Slates, Crown Overalls and work shirts, plain Ginghams and fancy silk dress and the Purther patterns, in fact every thing in a first class dry goods store is to be found here.

But come, lets have a dish of the boy Joe's cake in town at Smith's Confectionery. That's the place where those deadly boxes of candy come from Chase confectionary, but that's alright. Those boys know what to buy to please a fellow's mouth and they have peanuts, pop corn, fruits and candy drinks.

Talk about good things to eat, but off and over try the Cash Grocer's Company store. Mother wants to bring her another batch of that Pique White Flours. That's sold and guaranteed in for the best. If she doesn't find it so, you get your money back. She wants me some Camo Coffee, some fine dried cranberries, corn meal and berries and peach and more more of that Camo and Pickle of the Alabama line. Fine food sir you say? Well I guess so. The purest, freshest staple and fancy groceries are to be had here. They sold me some Premium Hacks and Bacon—those reminds me, since we sent away off somewhere for some premium dishes and I had to pay the freight there. I could have sent right over here to the Arcade and bought the whole business for less money. They have a complete line of dining room and kitchen furnishings, plates, cups and saucers, china and enamel ware, stationery, traps and what be long before they have on display a great big assortment of Christmas toys. You don't make a mistake to go there as nickel and dimes do double duty there. Do you know I was about to forget to take this cotton to be ginned. I am going to the Fuller Gin, the always have had the reputation of giving good and efficient service, but after overhauling the machinery they are better equipped this year to give us a good turn out, a good sample, clean seed and the best price for our seed or seed cotton. Well it will be late when the Grubbs so we will stay in the city tonight and visit the movies. The New Lyric is a comfortably seated room and this is Friday night. They show "The Bad Man and Others" 7:30 and the Grandparents, a drama, and Saturday night they show a three reel comedy "Caught by the Hand" and "Peggy Lee" which is a wonderful picture of the world's famous New York Hippodrome. We are sure to enjoy a good clean show and the price is only 50c and 10c.

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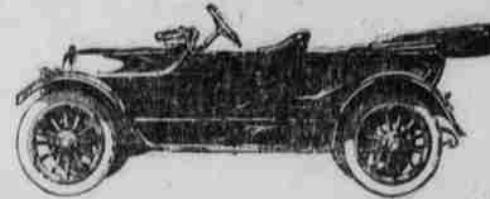
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